

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

In addition it is my belief that a large scale digital satellite platform such as the one proposed by this merger would serve as an alternative media opportunity for any concerned local network affiliates (such as the opportunity that Mr Turner took advantage of when cable was new).

As an American and a supporter of the free enterprise system, I find any opposition based on restriction of trade not only ludicrous but extremely shortsighted.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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